

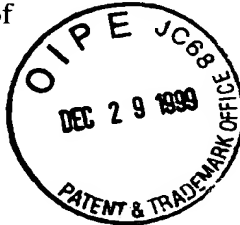
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

VANDEBERG *et al.*

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FOR: METHOD FOR CURING OPTICAL GLASS FIBER COATINGS AND INKS BY
LOW POWER ELECTRON BEAM IRRADIATION

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December 29, 1999

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 1999, Applicants respectfully
request that you reconsider all rejections of the claims in view of the remarks presented in
this Amendment. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 11 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A coated optical fiber comprising at least one radiation-cured layer
and an optical fiber substrate,

wherein said radiation-cured [at least one] layer has been cured by exposing said [at
least one] layer to [low power] energy less than about 125 kV of electron beam radiation
effective to substantially cure said at least one layer but substantially avoid degrading said
optical fiber substrate.

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